

1 **REMARKS**

2 Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject
3 application. Claims 1, 6, 11, and 21 are amended. Claim 14 is canceled. No new
4 claims are added. Claims 1-13, 15-25 are pending in this application.

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6 **Allowable Subject Matter**

7 The Examiner has objected to claim 14 as being dependent upon a rejected
8 base claim but has indicated that this claim would be allowable if rewritten in
9 independent form.

10 Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance. As indicated in detail
11 below, allowable subject matter has been incorporated into the amended
12 independent claims. Thus, all pending claims should be allowable over the cited
13 references.

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15 **Claims 11 and 14**

16 Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the
17 limitations of its base claim 11, by adding the language of claim 14 to base claim
18 11. Thus claim 11 constitutes rewritten claim 14. Claim 14 itself has been
19 canceled, since its language has been added to claim 11, and to the other
20 independent claims to make them allowable too.

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22 **Claims 12-13 and 15-20**

23 Claims 12-13 and 15-20 depend from claim 11. Dependent claims contain
24 the language of their base claims, and since claim 11 is now allowable, Applicant
25 submits that claims 12-13 and 15-20 are now allowable too.

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2 **Claim 1**

3 Claim 1 has elements congruent to claim 11. The language of claim 14 has
4 been added to claim 1. Applicant submits that claim 1 should be allowable too, in
5 the same manner as claim 11.
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7 **Claims 2-5**

8 Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1. Dependent claims contain the language of
9 their base claims, and since claim 1 should now be allowable, Applicant submits
10 that claims 2-5 are now allowable too.
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12 **Claim 6**

13 Claim 6 has elements congruent to claim 11. The language of claim 14 has
14 been added to claim 6. Applicant submits that claim 6 should be allowable too, in
15 the same manner as claim 11.
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17 **Claims 7-10**

18 Claims 7-10 depend from claim 6. Dependent claims contain the language
19 of their base claims, and since claim 6 should now be allowable, Applicant submits
20 that claims 7-10 are now allowable too.
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22 **Claim 21**

23 Claim 21 has elements congruent to claim 11. The language of claim 14
24 has been added to claim 21. Applicant submits that claim 21 should be allowable
25 too, in the same manner as claim 11.

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2 **Claims 22-25**

3 Claims 22-25 depend from claim 21. Dependent claims contain the
4 language of their base claims, and since claim 21 should now be allowable,
5 Applicant submits that claims 22-25 are now allowable too.
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7 **Conclusion**

8 All pending claims 1-13, and 15-25 should now be in condition for
9 allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the
10 subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application,
11 the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a
12 subsequent Action.
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14 Respectfully Submitted,

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